

498/300 words.

I love playing piano. I love it. Its music is like a river. ~~I ride it I also manipulate, shape and guide.~~
~~I love playing the piano.~~ It has ~~its~~ ups and downs. Sometimes it is loud and furious. Sometimes
quiet and docile. Sometimes it is ominous, and sometimes light hearted. Sometimes all four.
When I was five, I saw a ~~you tube~~ video of Lang Lang. ~~In the video was of~~ Lang Lang ~~is~~ playing
The Turkish March on the piano in front of a crowd. I was fascinated at the piano and was
amused by his funny flicks of his head. Since then I was always interested about the piano. The
instrument was much larger than all of the others and it had a huge number of notes. I would
sometimes drum my fingers on a table imagining that I was playing the piano at the Opera
House. When my mum bought a piano for me, I was overjoyed. I took to it. I entered several
competitions. I achieved first place in a competition and travelled to America to perform. I also
performed in the Sydney Opera House. I have to be grateful to my piano teacher and my parents
for all of the effort they invested to me, otherwise I would have never learnt the piano.

I also enjoy working in a team. I always loved working in a team. When I was six, I was sent to a
holiday camp. There we had many fun activities. One of them was putting together a puzzle the
shape of ~~china~~ together. We were put into groups of five. I had never worked together with other
students in groups before. It was the first time. I was amazed at how we could put together the
map so quickly. We were the first group to complete our puzzle. From then on, I always happily
contributed to group activities. I look forwards to Jack Ma. He had failed several times. He failed
key primary school test two times, he failed the middle school test three ties, he failed the college
entrance exam two times, scored one out of one hundred and twenty in the ~~maths~~ portion of his
college entrance exam and was rejected from Harvard ten times. Yet he remained determined and
he founded Alibaba. Now he is super rich. In fact, I am pretty good at teamwork that I joined a
robotics team. The competition was about building robots, coding them and then driving them.
My team was so successful that we achieved first place in the national championships. Then we
travelled to USA for the international championships. There, we got into the division finals.
However, I have many people to thank and to be grateful for. I have to thank my parent for
driving to the robot building class. I have to thank my coach for coming up with strategy and
pulling the team together. I have to thank my team for being cooperative and working hard.

Note:

This is a good response to the interview question. However, please write three greatest achievements instead of two. Moreover, do not have your anecdote longer than your discussion of the achievement. Balance it, highlight the important parts only. Also, avoid being tautological. Do not go in circles. If you can say your idea in a single sentence, do it. Do not constantly repeat that you love playing the piano. That was already established. Then, always follow the capitalisation rules of proper noun. China is a country, hence, a proper noun. So, capitalise the C of that word. Hope you find this suggestions constructive.

Mark: 43/50